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Madrid, April 17.

WE have Advice from *Lisbonne* that the Duke *de Giovinazzo*, whom our King has thought fit to send thither, with the Character of his Envoye Extraordinary, to endeavour so to compose Matters, with relation to what has happened in *America*, that the friendship between the two Crowns here in *Europe* may not be disturbed, arrived there the 5th Instant, and that he had had Audience of the Prince Regent, and several Conferences with the chief Ministers, who continue, as we are informed, very highly to resent the action of the Governor of *Buenos Ayres*, and Demand not only the Restitution of the Fort by him taken, and satisfaction for the Damage sustained; but that it may be Declared, that the Soveraignty of the Isle of *St. Gabriel* does of right belong to the Crown of *Portugal*; This the Duke *de Giovinazzo* has by an Express acquainted this Court with; and we must now expect to see what Resolutions will be taken here upon it, which its hoped will be such, as may disappoint the Designs of those that would willingly see things brought to an Extremity, and the Peace between the two Crowns interrupted.

Strasburg, April 29. The Assembly that was held at *Molsheim* for the chooSing a Dean in the room of Count *Coningsec*, is broke up, without making any choice, for that the Cannons found they were not at liberty to proceed therein with freedom, but that they were awed by the French; and we have reason to think that the French King intends, to appropriate to himself the disposal of this and the other Benefices and Dignities in this Countrey. From *Basle* they write, that the Fortifications which the French are making at *Hunningen*, give great jealousie to the Swisse-Cantons, who grow every day more and more sensible, that this new Fortress will be a check upon them, and that therefore they ought to concern themselves more effectually than hitherto they have done, for the hindring a thing that may be so prejudicial to them; but those Fortifications are now too far advanced for any stop to be given to them.

Cologne, May 2. It was reported all the last week that there was a Bridge laying over the *Rhine* at *Wesel*; that several French Officers were employed by the Elector of *Brandenburg* to raise Men, and that other preparations were making for some great Design: but the Letters we received this day from very good hands at *Wesel* only tell us, That the Sieur *de Bouquemaur* a French Officer, who had formerly served the Elector, had now received a Commission from him to raise a Regiment of Dragoons, and that they heard not of any other French Officers being received into his Electoral Highnesses Service. Our Magistrates have appointed the Sieur *Judendoncke* to assist at the Conferences that are to be held at *Francfort*, for the adjusting the differences arisen between the Empire and the Crown of *France*, concerning the execution of the Treaty of *Nimeguen*.

Hague, May 5. Several Reformed Officers are come hither from *Flanders* to seek Service, which if they cannot meet with here they will go for *Germany*, where as well the Imperialists as French are making Leavies. By some persons that came not many days since from *Lingen* we are told that the Duke of *Zell*, the Prince of *Orange*, and many other Persons of great quality, had begun the intended Hunting, which they would continue for several days; that the Prince of *Orange* purposes to return hither about the middle of this Month, and that the Duke of *Zell*, the Prince of *Hanover* &c. would accompany him. We have certain Advice from *Luxemburg*, that the Count *de Bissy* has left that Countrey, after having very much ruined it, by obliging the Inhabitants to furnish him with Provisions, &c. and after all, by raising 200000 Crowns upon them in ready Money, on pretence of Damages which his Troops had sustained from the Boors; who when they had oportunities, were indeed very apt to Treat the French Soldiers as they would do Persons that came to spoil them of what they had. The Sieur *Pettecum*, Envoye Extraordinary from the King of *Denmark*, does now receive the Visits of all the Forreign Ministers here.

Brussels, May 2. The Dean of one of the Trades (or Companies) of this City, who we told you in our last was seized by order of the Prince of *Parma*, and sent prisoner to the Castle of *Vilvord*, has been three several times examined by the Fiscal and other Officers of the Council of *Brabant*, who intend to proceed criminally against him, for having endeavoured to raise disturbances by his seditious Discourses and Practises, &c. and it is not doubted but he, and perhaps some others too, will be made publick Examples of: On Wednesday some of the chief of the Trades were at Court, and desired an Audience of his Highness, who not thinking fit to grant it, they made their Application to the Count *d' Archinto*, to whom they represented the great trouble they were in, occasioned by the imprisonment of one of their Brethren, which they were the more concerned at, for that they feared it might be a breaking in upon their Priviledges; but the Count *d'Archinto* told them, that his Highness would be very careful to preserve all their just Rights and

Priviledges